

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for providing ~~a distributed zone of fluid~~ a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article comprising:

(a) a container containing a supply of viscous fluid which, when placed in the filter of a smoking article, forms a barrier which traps tar and nicotine within the filter ~~for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and~~

(b) a delivery feature including an outlet, wherein the delivery feature provides a fluid communication path between the container and the outlet of the delivery feature that allows for transfer of said fluid from the container to the smoking article, wherein the combination of container and delivery feature provides for placement ~~is adapted for user alignment and user insertion of the outlet of the delivery feature laterally into a side wall of the filter to allow placement~~ of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid at a predetermined location within the filter, the location being sufficiently remote from the free end face of the smoking article to be put in the mouth so as to prevent the user from tasting the fluid ~~at a user selected location within the smoking article.~~

2. (Original) A device according to Claim 1, wherein the delivery feature comprises an injection needle.

3. Canceled

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 2, wherein the injection needle is a disposable unit removeably mounted on the container for one-time ~~one-trip~~ use.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 1, wherein control of delivery of fluid is facilitated by the material from which ~~of~~ the container is constructed.

6. (Original) A device according to Claim 5, wherein at least a portion of a wall of the container is resilient and/or pliable.

7. (Currently Amended) A device for providing ~~a distributed zone of fluid~~ a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article, wherein the smoking article includes a tobacco end and a mouth end, and wherein the filter extends from the mouth end to a base of the filter that abuts tobacco, said device comprising:

(a) a container containing a supply of viscous fluid which, when placed in the filter of the smoking article, forms a barrier therein which traps tar and nicotine within the filter ~~for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article,~~ and

(b) a delivery feature including a plurality of injection needles, wherein each injection needle extends axially from one of the tobacco end or the mouth end of the smoking article to a region in the vicinity of the base of the filter when inserted in the smoking article.

8. Canceled

9. (Currently Amended) A device for ~~providing a distributed zone of fluid~~ providing a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article, wherein the smoking article includes a tobacco end and a mouth end, and wherein the filter extends from the mouth end to a base of the filter that abuts tobacco, said device comprising:

(a) a container containing a supply of viscous fluid which, when placed in the filter of the smoking article, forms a barrier therein which traps tar and nicotine within the filter ~~for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article,~~ and

(b) a delivery feature including an injection needle, wherein the injection needle extends axially from the tobacco end of the smoking article to a region in the vicinity of the base of said filter when inserted in the smoking article.

10. Canceled

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 9, comprising stop means to delimit the extent of insertion of said injection needle.

12. Canceled

13. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 7, wherein the delivery feature further comprises a piston and cylinder type unit and control of delivery is achieved by displacement of a piston or plunger within a cylinder of the unit.

14. (Original) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said cylinder is provided with an external sheath to engage over the exterior of at least a portion of an elongate smoking article during application of the device to the smoking article.

15. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said cylinder is provided with gradation marks to facilitate the dispensing of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid.

16. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 13, wherein each injection needle extends from an end face of the cylinder and said end face defines a stop to delimit the extent of insertion of the injection needles into a smoking article.

17. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said piston or plunger is spring-loaded and delivery of fluid is achieved by engagement of an end face of the smoking article against said piston or plunger and displacement of the piston or plunger against the spring loading.

18. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 17, wherein each injection needle extends directly from said piston or plunger and the face of the piston/plunger from which the needles extend defines a stop to delimit the extent of insertion of the injection needles into a smoking article.

19. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 17, comprising a non-return valve for one-way flow of fluid from container to cylinder.

20. (Currently Amended) A kit for providing ~~a distributed zone of fluid~~ a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article comprising:

(a) a container containing a supply of viscous fluid which, when placed in the filter of the smoking article, forms a barrier therein which traps tar and nicotine within the filter ~~for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and~~
(b) a multiplicity of disposable delivery features corresponding to the container, wherein each disposable delivery feature includes an outlet and provides a fluid communication path between the container and the outlet for transfer of said fluid to the smoking article, and wherein each disposable delivery feature is adapted to place a substantially definable quantity of said fluid at a predetermined location within the filter, the location being sufficiently remote from a free end face of the smoking article to be put in the mouth so as to prevent the user from tasting the fluid ~~removeably mountable on the container for one-trip use for placement of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid at a pre-determined location defined by the user within the smoking article.~~

21. (New) A device according to claim 1 wherein the viscous fluid comprises corn syrup.

22. (New) A device according to claim 1 wherein the device further comprises a metering valve for precise metering of the amount of fluid dispensed into the filter.

23. (New) A device according to claim 1 wherein the device further comprises a spring-based fluid release feature.